

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 and MPEP § 714.16. A Notice of Allowance was issued by the United States Patent & Trademark Office (“USPTO”) on June 8, 2006. The issue fee payment is due September 8, 2006 and has *not* yet been paid.

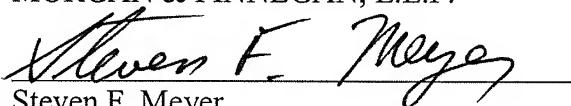
By this paper, claim 1 is amended to coincide with the subject matter allowed in claim 10. These amendments would not require an additional search or examination and would not adversely affect the patentability of the allowed claims. Entry of these amendments is believed to be appropriate and is requested.

In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1232-5101.

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